

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Burgmair et al. **GROUP:** 2814
SERIAL NO: 10/588,559 **EXAMINER:** Diana C. Garrity
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FOR: SENSOR HAVING HYDROPHOBIC COATED ELEMENTS [as amended]

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AMENDMENT & ELECTION

This amendment and election is in response to the Official Action dated April 1, 2009.

Claim 11 recited a sensor utilizing a silicon component with a sensitive layer, and this claim is cancelled herein. **Accordingly, the remaining claims (1-3, 5-6 and 12-21) directed to a sensor utilizing a hybrid gate electrode with a sensitive layer are hereby elected with traverse.**

Please amend the application as follows: